

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In the specification, please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22 as follows:

After the alloy powder or alloy wire rod has been manufactured, the alloy powder or alloy wire rod is introduced into the high-energy ball mill with water and agitation is made to oxidize the additive metal in the alloy powder. The high-energy ball mill is a device in which a vessel is filled with steel balls or ceramic balls, which are grinding media, and further an agitating blade is provided in the vessel. As the high-energy ball mill, ~~Dyno-mill~~ Dyno<sup>®</sup>-mill and Ultra Visco Mill (trade name) are known in addition to attritor. Dyno<sup>®</sup>-mill is manufactured by Willy A. Bachofen AG of Basel, Switzerland. Ultra ViscoMill (trade name) is manufactured by Aimex Co., Ltd. of Tokyo, Japan.